

Free A*-algebras

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Abstract

In this paper we studied the free A*-algebras, the sub A*-algebra generated by a subset and its characterization, an A*-algebra freely generated by a subset and introduced the concept of A*-field of sets. Also we established some theorems on making A*-field of sets into A*-algebras.

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INTRODUCTION

In 1994, P. Koteswara Rao introduced the concept of A*-algebras and studied their equivalence with Adas, C – algebras, Stone type representation and introduced the concept of A*- clones and the if-then-else structure over A*- algebras and ideals of A*-algebras. In this paper we introduced the concept of free A*-algebras analogous to the free Boolean algebras.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition: For any non-empty set X, a class M of subsets of X which is closed under finite union of sets, finite intersection of sets, complementation of sets is called a field of sets.

Definition: A Boolean algebra is an algebra $(B, \vee, \wedge, (-)', 0, 1)$ with two binary operations, one unary operation (called complementation), and two nullary operations which satisfies:

- (1) (B, \vee, \wedge) is a distributive lattice.
- (2) $x \wedge 0 = 0, \quad x \vee 1 = 1$
- (3) $x \wedge x' = 0, x \vee x' = 1$

Definition: An indexed set $\{B_t\}_{t \in T}$ of subalgebras of a Boolean algebra B is said to be independent if $a_1 \wedge a_2 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n \neq 0$ for every finite sequence of non zero elements a_i chosen from subalgebras B_t with different indices.

Definition: Let $\{B_t\}_{t \in T}$ be an indexed set of Boolean algebras. By a Boolean product of $\{B_t\}_{t \in T}$ we mean any pair $\{\{B_t\}_{t \in T}, B\}$ such that

- a) B is a Boolean algebra.
- b) For every $t \in T, i_t: B_t \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism.
- c) The indexed set $\{i_t(B_t)\}_{t \in T}$ of subalgebras of B is independent.

d) The union of all subalgebras $\{i_t(B_t)\}_{t \in T}$ generates B.

Definition: Suppose $\{X_t\}_{t \in T}$ is an indexed set of non-empty sets. Let X be the Cartesian product of X_t 's. Let M_t be the field of subsets of X_t . For every set $A \subseteq X_t$, let A^* be the set of all points $x \in X$ whose t^{th} coordinate $x_t \in A$ and let M_t^* be the field composed of all sets A^* where $A \in M_t$. The field M of subsets of X generated by all the classes $\{M_t^*\}_{t \in T}$ is called the field product of $\{M_t\}_{t \in T}$.

Definition: An algebra $(A, \wedge, *, (-)', (-)_{\pi}, 1)$ is an A* - algebra if it satisfies :

For a, b, c $\in A$

- i. $a_{\pi} \vee (a_{\pi})' = 1, (a_{\pi})_{\pi} = a_{\pi}, \text{ where } a \vee b = (a' \wedge b')'$.
- ii. $a_{\pi} \vee b_{\pi} = b_{\pi} \vee a_{\pi}$
- iii. $(a_{\pi} \vee b_{\pi}) \vee c_{\pi} = a_{\pi} \vee (b_{\pi} \vee c_{\pi})$
- iv. $(a_{\pi} \wedge b_{\pi}) \vee (a_{\pi} \wedge (b_{\pi})') = a_{\pi}$
- v. $(a \wedge b)_{\pi} = a_{\pi} \wedge b_{\pi}, (a \wedge b)^{\#} = a^{\#} \vee b^{\#}, \text{ where } a^{\#} = (a_{\pi} \vee a'_{\pi})'$
- vi. $a'_{\pi} = (a_{\pi} \vee a^{\#})', a^{\#} = a^{\#}$
- vii. $(a * b)_{\pi} = a_{\pi}, (a * b)^{\#} = (a_{\pi})' \wedge (b'_{\pi})'$
- viii. $a = b$ if and only if $a_{\pi} = b_{\pi}, a^{\#} = b^{\#}$. We write 0 for 1', 2 for 0'.

Example: 3 $= \{0, 1, 2\}$ with the operations defined below is an A* - algebra

\wedge	0	1	2
0	0	0	2
1	0	1	2
2	2	2	2

\vee	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	1	2
2	2	2	2

$*$	0	1	2
0	0	2	2
1	1	1	1
2	0	2	2

x_{π}	0	1	2
x'	1	0	2
x_{π}	0	1	0
$x^{\#}$	0	0	1

Definition : Let $(A_1, \wedge, *, (-)', (-)_{\pi}, 1)$ and $(A_2, \wedge, (-)', (-)_{\pi}, *, 1)$ be two A*-algebras. A Mapping $f: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ is called an A* - homomorphism if for all

$a, b \in A_1$

- I. $f(a \wedge b) = f(a) \wedge f(b)$
- II. $f(a \vee b) = f(a) \vee f(b)$
- III. $f(a * b) = f(a) * f(b)$
- IV. $f(a_{\pi}) = (f(a))_{\pi}$
- V. $f(a') = (f(a))'$

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$$\text{VI. } f(1) = 1$$

$$\text{VII. } f(0) = 0.$$

Definition: Let C be a non-empty set. By a free A^* -algebra on C we shall mean an A^* -algebra F together with a mapping $f: C \rightarrow F$ such that for every A^* -algebra A and every mapping $g: C \rightarrow A$ there is a unique A^* -homomorphism $h: F \rightarrow A$ such that $h \circ f = g$.
Now we state some routine theorems without proof.

Theorem: If (F, f) is a free A^* -algebra on a non-empty set C then f is injective and $\text{Im } f$ generates F .

Theorem: Let (F, f) be a free A^* -algebra on a non-empty set C . Then (F, f) is also a free A^* -algebra on C iff there is a unique A^* -isomorphism $j: F \rightarrow F$ such that $j \circ f = f$.

Theorem: Let $(B, \wedge, (-)', 0, 1)$ be a Boolean algebra. The $A(B) = \{(a, b) / a, b \in B, a \wedge b = 0\}$ becomes an A^* -algebra with the following A^* -algebraic operations:

For $a = (x_\pi, x^\#)$, $b = (y_\pi, y^\#) \in A(B)$

- I. $a \wedge b = (x_\pi y_\pi, x_\pi y^\# + x^\# y_\pi + x^\# y^\#)$
- II. $a \vee b = (x_\pi y_\pi + x_\pi y^\# + x^\# y_\pi, x^\# y^\#)$
- III. $a * b = (x_\pi, ((x_\pi)') y^\#)$
- IV. $a^- = (x^\#, x_\pi)$
- V. $a_\pi = (x_\pi, (x_\pi)')$
- VI. $1 = (1, 0), 0 = (0, 1), 2 = (0, 0).$

Theorem : If A is an A^* -algebra then

- I. $B(A(B)) \cong B.$
- II. $A(B(A)) \cong A.$

Theorem: Let A_1, A_2 be A^* -algebras and B_1, B_2 be Boolean algebras then

- I. $A_1 \cong A_2$ iff $B(A_1) \cong B(A_2).$
- II. $B_1 \cong B_2$ iff $A(B_1) \cong A(B_2).$

MAIN RESULTS

Theorem: For every non-empty set C , there exists a free A^* -algebra on C .

Proof: Let $F = \{\theta / \theta: C \rightarrow 3 = \{0, 1, 2\}, \theta(c) = 0 \text{ for all most all } c \in C\}$
Define $\vee, \wedge, (-)', (-)_\pi, *, 0, 1, 2$ as follows:

Let $\theta, \xi \in F$. For all $c \in C$, define

$$(\theta \vee \xi)(c) = (\theta(c)) \vee (\xi(c))$$

$$(\theta \wedge \xi)(c) = (\theta(c)) \wedge (\xi(c))$$

$$(\theta * \xi)(c) = (\theta(c)) * (\xi(c))$$

$$\theta^-(c) = (\theta(c))^-$$

$$0(c) = 0$$

$$1(c) = 1$$

$$2(c) = 2$$

Then F is an A^* -algebra.

Now define $f: C \rightarrow F$ as follows:

For any $c \in C$, $f(c): C \rightarrow 3$ by $f(c)(d) = 1$ if $d = c$

$= 0$ if $d \neq c$

Claim: (F, f) is a free A^* -algebra on C .

Let A be any A^* -algebra and $g: C \rightarrow A$ be a mapping.

Define $h: F \rightarrow A$ as follows:

Let $\theta \in F$

$$h(\theta) = \bigvee_{c \in C} \theta(c) g(c)$$

Where $\theta(c).g(c) = (\theta(c).g(c))_\pi * (\theta(c).g(c))^\#$

$$(\theta(c).g(c))_\pi = (\theta(c) \wedge g(c))_\pi \vee (\theta(c)^\# \wedge g(c)^\#)$$

$$(\theta(c).g(c))^\# = (\theta(c)_\pi \wedge g(c)^\#) \vee (\theta(c)^\# \wedge g(c)_\pi)$$

Clearly h is an A^* -homomorphism

$$h(f(c)) = \bigvee_{t \in C} (f(c))(t).g(t) = g(c)$$

Therefore $h \circ f = g$.

Uniqueness of h :

Let $\theta \in F, t \in C$

$$\theta(t) = \theta(t).1$$

$$= \bigvee_{c \in C} \theta(c).[f(c)](t)$$

$$= [\bigvee_{c \in C} \theta(c).f(c)](t)$$

$$\text{Therefore } \theta = \bigvee_{c \in C} \theta(c).f(c)$$

Suppose $\bar{h}: F \rightarrow A$ is another A^* -homomorphism such that

$$\bar{h} \circ f = g$$

$$\bar{h}(\theta) = \bar{h}(\bigvee_{c \in C} \theta(c).f(c))$$

$$= \bigvee_{c \in C} \theta(c).\bar{h}(f(c))$$

$$= \bigvee_{c \in C} \theta(c).g(c)$$

$$= h(\theta)$$

Therefore $\bar{h} = h$

Remark: The free A^* -algebra F constructed as in the above theorem is called the free A^* -algebra on C .

Definition: Suppose A is an A^* -algebra and $C \subseteq A$. Then A is said to be freely generated by C if

- (i) $\langle C \rangle = A$
- (ii) Every mapping $f: C \rightarrow A'$, A' is another A^* -algebra, can be extending uniquely to a homomorphism $h: A \rightarrow A'$.

Theorem: If A is an A^* -algebra and $B = B(A)$, $C \subseteq A$. then A is freely generated by C if and only if B is freely generated by C_π , where $C_\pi = \{a_\pi / a \in C\}$.

Proof: Suppose A is an A^* -algebra, $B = B(A)$ and $C \subseteq A$. Assume that A is freely generated by C .

We have to prove that B is freely generated by $C_\pi = \{a_\pi / a \in C\}$.

Let $g: C \rightarrow B'$ is a mapping where B' is another Boolean algebra.

Define $f: C \rightarrow A(B')$ by $f(a) = (g(a)_\pi, g(a)_\pi^-)$.

Since C generates A , f can be extended to a unique homomorphism

$$h: A \rightarrow A(B').$$

$h_\pi: B \rightarrow B(A(B'))$ is also a unique homomorphism of Boolean

algebras.

Since $B(A(B')) \cong B'$, let $I : B(A(B'))$ is an isomorphism such that $I(a, a^c) = a, \forall (a, a^c) \in B(A(B'))$.

Then $I h_\pi : B \rightarrow B'$ is a homomorphism and $I h_\pi$ is a unique extension of g .

Therefore C_π generates B freely.

Conversely assume that C_π generates B freely.

We have to prove that A is freely generated by C .

Suppose $f : C \rightarrow A'$ is another mapping where A' is another A^* -algebra.

Define $f_\pi : C_\pi \rightarrow B(A')$ by $f_\pi(a) = (f(b))_\pi$

Since C_π generates B freely \exists a unique homomorphism

$g : B \rightarrow B(A')$

Such that $f_\pi(a) = g(a) \forall a \in C_\pi$.

Define $h : A \rightarrow A'$ by $h(a) = (g(a_\pi) * g(a_\pi^c))$

Then h is a homomorphism. Since g is unique, h is also unique.

We now show that $h = f$ on C .

Let $a \in C \Rightarrow a_\pi \in C_\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} h(a) &= (g(a_\pi) * g(a_\pi^c)) = f_\pi(a_\pi) * (f_\pi(a_\pi^c)) \\ &= [f(a)_\pi * ((f_\pi(a_\pi^c)))] \\ &= f(a) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore h is a unique extension of f .

Therefore C generates A freely.

Definition: Let X be a non-empty set. A class

$F^* = \{(A_1, A_2) / A_1, A_2 \subseteq X, A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset\}$ is called an A^* -field of subsets of X if

- (i) $(X, \emptyset) \in F^*$
- (ii) $(A_1, A_2) \in F^* \Rightarrow (A_2, A_1) \in F^*$
- (iii) $(A_1, A_2), (B_1, B_2) \in F^* \Rightarrow (A_1 B_1, A_1 B_2 + A_2 B_1 + A_2 B_2) \in F^*$
- (iv) $(A_1, A_2), (B_1, B_2) \in F^* \Rightarrow (A_1, A_1^c B_2) \in F^*$

Juxtaposition and addition stand for intersection and union of sets

From the above definition immediately we have the following theorem.

Theorem: Let X be a non-empty set. A class $F^* = \{(A_1, A_2) / A_1, A_2 \subseteq X,$

$A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset\}$. Then F^* is an A^* -algebra with the following operations:

- (i) $1 = (X, \emptyset), 0 = (\emptyset, X), 2 = (\emptyset, \emptyset)$
- (ii) $(A_1, A_2)_\pi = (A_2, A_1^c)$
- (iii) $(A_1, A_2)^c = (A_2, A_1)$
- (iv) $(A_1, A_2) * (B_1, B_2) = (A_1, A_1^c B_2)$
- (v) $(A_1, A_2) \wedge (B_1, B_2) = (A_1 B_1, A_1 B_2 + A_2 B_1 + A_2 B_2)$
- (vi) $(A_1, A_2) \vee (B_1, B_2) = (A_1 B_1 + A_1 B_2 + A_2 B_1, A_2 B_2)$

Proof: It is routine to verify the axioms in 1.6.

Theorem: Let F^* be an A^* -field of subsets of a non-empty set X and $F = \{A / (A, A^c) \in F^*\}$

Then F is a field of subsets of X and $B(F^*) \cong F$.

Proof: Suppose F^* is an A^* -field of subsets of X .

We have to prove that $F = \{A / (A, A^c) \in F^*\}$ is a field of subsets of X .

Let $A, B \in F$

Consider $(A, A^c) \wedge (B, B^c) = (AB, AB^c + A^c B + A^c B^c) \in F^*$

$$= (AB, AB^c + A^c(B + B^c)) \in F^*$$

$$= (AB, AB^c + A^c) \in F^* \quad (AB, (A + A^c)(B^c + A^c)) \in F^*$$

$$= (AB, A^c + B^c) \in F^*$$

$$= (AB, (AB)^c) \in F^*$$

$$= AB \in F$$

$$\text{Let } A \in F. \text{ Then } (A, A^c) \in F^* \Rightarrow (A^c, A) \in F^*$$

$$\Rightarrow (A^c, (A^c)^c) \in F^*$$

$$\Rightarrow A^c \in F$$

Therefore F is a field of subsets of X and clearly $F \cong B(F^*)$

Theorem: Let F is a field of subsets of a non-empty set X . Then $A(F) = \{(A, B) / A, B \in F, A \cap B = \emptyset\}$ is an A^* -field of subsets of X .

Proof: It is routine to verify the axioms in 2.5.

We now prove the following theorem.

Theorem: Every A^* -algebra A is isomorphic to an A^* -field of subsets F^* of a Stone space.

Proof: Let A be an A^* -algebra.

Let $B = B(A)$. Then there exists a Stone space H such that $B \cong F$,

where F is the field of clopen subsets of H .

By the known result $A(B) \cong A(F)$.

But $A \cong A(B)$. Thus $A \cong A(F)$.

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